Abstract

The present invention comprises the provision and use of a novel orthopedic fastener. The novel orthopedic fastener comprises a body portion adapted to extend substantially below the surface of a bone, and a head portion adapted to extend substantially above the surface of the bone, wherein the body portion is formed of a first material and the head portion is formed of a second material. In one preferred form of the invention, the first material comprises a bioabsorbable material which is bioactive so as to encourage tissue in-growth, and the second material comprises a bioabsorbable material which is not bioactive so as to not encourage tissue in-growth.

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